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SUBJ: MORE COUNTRIES ADDED TO PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S TRAVEL
SCHEDULE

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1. WHEN I CALLED ON ECHEVERRIA TOGETHER WITH SENATOR MANSFIELD
TODAY, HE TOLD ME THAT HE HAD ADDED KUWAIT, ISRAEL, SRI
LANKA, AND TRINIDAD-TOBAGO TO HIS TRAVEL SCHEDULE WHICH
MEANT THAT HE WOULD BE AWAY FROM MEXICO UNTIL MID-AUGUST.

2. THE PRESIDENT ADDED THAT THIS WAS A PARTICULARLY COMPLI-
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CATED TRIP BUT HE SAW GREAT BENEFITS FOR MEXICO AS HE HOPED

TO GET ARAB OIL INVESTMENTS BOTH ON A DIRECT BASIS AND THROUGH GRANTS TO THE INTERAMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK. THE ISRAELIS HAD BEEN UNHAPPY AS HE WAS VISITING THE VARIOUS ARAB CAPITALS AND BECAUSE OF SOME OF MEXICO'S POSITIONS AS PART OF THE GROUP OF 77, HENCE HE HAD DECIDED TO BALANCE HIS VISIT BY INCLUDING ISRAEL. THIS WILL NOW MAKE THE ARABS UNHAPPY BUT THIS IN TURN WILL BE BALANCED OFF BY AGAIN MAKING THE ISRAELIS UNHAPPY AS HE WILL RECEIVE PALESTIN LIBERATION CHIEFS AT SOME (UNSPECIFIED) POINTS IN HIS TRIP.

3. HIS VISIT TO GUYANA WAS MAKING THE VENEZUELANS UNHAPPY BECAUSE OF THEIR BORDER DIFFICULTIES BUT GUYANA WAS AN IMPORTANT LINK OF HIS NEW CARIBBEAN STRATEGY. SIMILARLY, HE WOULD VISIT TRINIDAD TOBAGO TO OFFSET PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS SENSITIVITY BECAUSE OF HIS GROWING FRIENDSHIP WITH MANLEY OF JAMAICA.

4. ECHEVERRIA SAID THE MAIN PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP WAS TO CARRY MEXICO'S MESSAGES OF PEACE AND OF GREATER WORLD SOCIAL JUSTICE.

5. DURING THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION THE PRESIDENT TOLD SENATOR MANSFIELD THAT HE WOULD BE UNDER GREAT PRESSURE DURING THIS TRIP TO JOIN OPEC AND ALSO TO JOIN THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP. WHILE HE DESIRED GOOD RELATIONS WITH BOTH THESE GROUPS, HE MAINTAINED STOUTLY THAT HE WOULD NOT JOIN THEM.

6. ECHEVERRIA SAID HE KNEW HIS TRIP WOULD HAVE GREAT HAZARDS BUT AS IN SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT IN THE SAME AREA, THE RISKS WERE WORTH TAKING.
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